

# ALEXANDER CITY SCHOOLS

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September 19, 2005

Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 – 12<sup>th</sup>. Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Sir:

We would like to make an appeal to the FCC regarding our school district FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER for year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006. In the process of filing our Form 471, we entered the number of months of service as 3 months instead of 12 months, therefore affecting the "Approved" funding amount of \$5,567.10 which should have been \$22,268.40. In filing this form, we are required to get an average of 3 months telephone bills and multiply this average by the number of months of service (12). We inadvertently entered the 3 instead of 12 in Block 5, Item 23d. (See attached copy).

When I received the RAL (receipt acknowledgement letter) from the Universal Service Administration Company, I caught the mistake and filed an appeal within 9 days to them. This appeal was denied because I did not return the correction on the RAL but rather filed it on school letterhead with all the documentation. I am enclosing the letter of appeal to the USAC that has been denied for your review.

After contacting the USAC, I was told my only recourse is to file another appeal, this time with the FCC. The Alexander City School District only qualifies for discounts on the school telecommunications and we rely on these refunds to help us fund the school system technology program. We get less than \$50,000.00 in refunds for the entire district which is very little to operate a system on.

Now, FEMA has placed 500 mobile homes at a local State Park to house hurricane Katrina homeless and we have to take the children into our school system which we are happy to do. However, this is placing additional demands on our already depleted budget so the reduction in funding from \$22,268.00 to \$5,567.00 is devastating for us. I would appreciate any relief the FCC might provide us in terms of reversing the denial by the SLC and approving the funding level of \$22,268.00 so desperately needed to help in providing the technology for our hurricane relief children. Thank you for your consideration of this Request For Review.

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## Our district information is as follows:

A. J. Price

Alexander City School District

375 Lee Street

Alexander City, AL 35010

Phone: (256) 234-8676 Fax: (256) 234-8696

Email address: aprice@alex.k12.al.us

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 440884 Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 – 06/30/2006

Billed Entity Number: 127905 Billed Entity FCC RN: 11662871

Applicant's Form Identifier: ACBOEBS-Y8

Funding Request Number: 1219549

Category of Service: Telecommunications Service

Form 470 Application Number: 342830000

SPIN: 143004825

Service Provider Name: Bell South Telecommunications, Inc.

Billing Account Number: 256-234-8600-055

FCDL Date: 06/27/2005 Wave Number: 001

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**Technology Director** 



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July 6, 2005

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Letter of Appeal Schools and Libraries Division Box 125 – Correspondence Unit 80 South Jefferson Road Whippany, NY 07981

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Technology Director

# Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program Services Ordered and Certification Form 471 Application Display



**Block 1: Billed Entity Information** 

Applicant's Form Identifier:

**ACBOEBS-Y8** 

471 Application Number:

440884

Funding Year: 07/01/2005 - Billed Entity

06/30/2006

Number: 127905

Cert. Postmark Date:

Form Status:

INCOMPLETE

**RAL Date:** 

**Out of Window Letter Date:** 

Name: ALEXANDER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Address: 375 LEE STREET

City: ALEXANDER CITY State: AL Zip: 35010

Phone: 256-234-5074 Ext:

Fax: 256-234-8696

Contact Name: A.J. Price Address: 375 Lee Street

City: Alexander City State: AL Zip: 35010

Contact Phone: 256-234-8676 Ext: Contact Fax: 256-234-8696 Ext: E-mail: aprice@alex.k12.al.us

Contact Mode: PHONE

Alternate Contact Info.: (256) 234-7058 Home or Cell (256)234-1360

Type of Application: SCHOOL DISTRICT Ineligible Orgs: N

**Block 2: Impact of Services Ordered on Schools** 

Number of students to be served: 3516

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	BEFORE ORDER	AFTER ORDER				
b Telephone service: Number of classrooms with phone service	50	50				
c Dial-up Internet access: Number of connections (up to 56kbps)	0	0				
d Direct broadband services: Number of buildings served at the following speeds:						
Less than 10 mbps	0	0				
Between 10 mbps and 200 mbps	0	0				
Greater than 200 mbps	0	0				
e Direct connections to the Internet: Number of drops	0	0				
f Number of classrooms with Internet access	0	0				
g Number of computers or other devices with Internet access	0	0				

## **Block 3: Impact of Services Ordered on Libraries**

## NOT APPLICABLE AS THIS APPLICATION IS FOR DISTRICT

## **Block 4: Worksheets**

Worksheet A No:

621876

Student Count: 3516

Weighted Product (Sum. Column 8): 2714.6

**Shared Discount:** 

77%

1. School Name: ALEXANDER CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

2. Entity Number: NCES: 01 00030 00001

38909

3. Rural/Urban: Rural

4. Student Count: 5. NSLP 6. NSLP Students/Students:

563

50.088% Students: 282

7. Discount: 80% 8. Weighted Product: 450.4

9. Pre-K/Adult

10. Alt Disc Mech: N

Ed/Juv: N

1. School Name: JIM PEARSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2. Entity Number: NCES: 01 00030 00004

38914

3. Rural/Urban: Rural

6. NSLP Students/Students: 4. Student Count: 5. NSLP

53.437% 829 Students: 443

7. Discount: 80% 8. Weighted Product: 663.2

9. Pre-K/Adult

10. Alt Disc Mech: N

Ed/Juv: N

1. School Name: RADNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2. Entity Number: NCES: 01 00030 00006

38913

3. Rural/Urban: Rural

6. NSLP Students/Students: 4. Student Count: 5. NSLP

546

Students: 281 51.465%

7. Discount: 80% 8. Weighted Product: 436.8

9. Pre-K/Adult

10. Alt Disc Mech: N

Ed/Juv: N

1. School Name: RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL

2. Entity Number: NCES: 01 00030 00003

38916

3. Rural/Urban: Rural

4. Student Count: 5. NSLP

6. NSLP Students/Students:

Students: 341

34.725%

7. Discount: 70% 8. Weighted Product: 687.4

9. Pre-K/Adult

10. Alt Disc Mech: N

Ed/Juv: N

1. School Name: STEPHENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2. Entity Number: NCES: 01 00030 00005

38908

3. Rural/Urban: Rural

4. Student Count: 5. NSLP

6. NSLP Students/Students:

596

Students: 330

55.369%

7. Discount: 80% 8. Weighted Product: 476.8

9. Pre-K/Adult

10. Alt Disc Mech: N

Ed/Juv: N

## **Block 5: Discount Funding Request(s)**

FRN: 1219549 FCDL Date:				
10. Original FRN:				
11. Category of Service:	12. 470 Application Number:			
Telecommunications Service	342830000272251			
13. SPIN: 143004824	14. Service Provider Name:			
	BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.			
15a. Non-Contracted tariffed/Month 15b. Contract Number: NA to Month Service: Y				
15c. Covered under State Master Contract:	15d. FRN from Previous Year:			
16a. Billing Account Number: 256- 234-8600-055	16b. Multiple Billing Account Numbers?:			
17. Allowable Contract Date:	18. Contract Award Date:			
01/10/2000	09/15/2000			
19a. Service Start Date: 07/01/2005	19b. Service End Date:			
20. Contract Expiration Date: 09/15/2005				
21. Attachment #: YR8-BS-1	22. Block 4 Worksheet No.: 621876			
23a. Monthly Charges: \$2,410.00	23b. Ineligible monthly amt.: \$.00			
<b>23c. Eligible monthly amt.:</b> \$2,410.00	23d. Number of months of service:			
23e. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible recurring charges ( 23c x 23d): \$7,230.00 * \( \frac{1}{2} \) \( \frac{1}{2} \)				
23f. Annual non-recurring (one-	23g. Ineligible non-recurring amt.:			
time) charges: \$.00 \$.00				
23h. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible non-recurring charges ( 23f - 23g): \$0.00				

23i. Total program year pre-discount amount ( 23e + 23h): \$7,230.00

\$ 28,920.00

23j. % discount (from Block 4): 77

23k. Funding Commitment Request (23i x 23j): \$5,567.10 \$22268.40

## **Block 6: Certifications and Signature**

- **24.** To licertify that the entities listed in Block 4 of this application are eligible for support because they are: (check one or both)
- a. T schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 7801 (18) and (38), that do not operate as for-profit businesses, and do not have
- endowments exceeding \$50 million; and/or **b.** T libraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996
- administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as for-profit businesses and whose budgets are completely separate from any schools including, but not limited to elementary, secondary schools, colleges, or universities
- 25. □ I certify that the entity I represent or the entities listed on this application have secured access, separately or through this program, to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity, necessary to use the services purchased effectively. I recognize that some of the aforementioned resources are not eligible for support. I certify that the entities I represent or the entities listed in this application have secured access to all of the resources to pay the discounted charges for eligible services from funds to which access has been secured in the current funding year. I certify that the Billed Entity will pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the goods and services to the service provider(s).
- a. Total funding year pre-discount amount on this Form
   471 (Add the entities from Item 23I on all Block 5
   Discount Funding Requests.)
  - \$7,230.00 \$2892000
- b. Total funding commitment request amount on this Form 471 (Add the entities from Items 23K on all Block 5 Discount Funding Requests.)
- \$5,567 (10 \$ 22,268, 40
- c. Total applicant non-discount share (Subtract Item 25b)
- \$1,662.90 \$6,51.60

	from Item 25a.)		
	Total budgeted amount allocated to resources not eligible for E-rate support	\$0.00	
	Total amount necessary for the applicant to pay the non-discount share of the services requested on this application AND to secure access to the resources necessary to make effective use of the discounts. (Add Items 25c and 25d.)	\$1,662.90 \$ 6,651.60	

- f. Check this box if you are receiving any of the funds in Item 25e directly from a service provider listed on any Forms 471 filed by this Billed Entity for this funding year, or if a service provider listed on any of the Forms 471 filed by this Billed Entity for this funding year assisted you in locating funds in Items 25e.
- **26.**  $\Gamma$  I certify that all of the schools and libraries or library consortia listed in Block 4 of this application are covered by technology plans that are written, that cover all 12 months of the funding year, and that have been or will be approved by a state or other authorized body, and an SLD-certified technology plan approver, prior to the commencement of service. The plans are written at the following level(s):
- a. C an individual technology plan for using the services requested in this application; and/or
- **b.** Thigher-level technology plan(s) for using the services requested in this application; or
- **c.** C no technology plan needed; applying for basic local, cellular, PCS, and/or long distance telephone service and/or voice mail only.
- 27. IT I certify that I posted my Form 470 and (if applicable) made my RFP available for at least 28 days before considering all bids received and selecting a service provider. I certify that all bids submitted were carefully considered and the most cost-effective service offering was selected, with price being the primary factor considered, and is the most cost-effective means of meeting educational needs and technology plan goals.
- **28.** □ I certify that the entity responsible for selecting the service provider(s) has reviewed all applicable FCC, state, and local procurement/competitive bidding requirements and that the entity or entities listed on this application have complied with them.
- **29.**  $\Gamma$  I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by

- 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value, except as permitted by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.500 (k). Additionally, I certify that the Billed Entity has not received anything of value or a promise of anything of value, other than services and equipment requested under this form, from the service provider(s) or any representative or agent thereof or any consultant in connection with this request for services.
- **30.** FI certify that I and the entity(ies) I represent have complied with all program rules and I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments. There are signed contracts covering all of the services listed on this Form 471 except for those services provided under non-contracted tariffed or month-to-month arrangements. I acknowledge that failure to comply with program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
- **31.** \( \tau \) I acknowledge that the discount level used for shared services is conditional, for future years, upon ensuring that the most disadvantaged schools and libraries that are treated as sharing in the service, receive an appropriate share of benefits from those services.
- 32. \( \tau \) I certify that I will retain required documents for a period of at least five years after the last day of service delivered. I certify that I will retain all documents necessary to demonstrate compliance with the statute and Commission rules regarding the application for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts, and that if audited, I will make such records available to the Administrator. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to participation in the schools and libraries program.
- 33. If I certify that I am authorized to order telecommunications and other supported services for the eligible entity(ies) listed on this application. I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this application, that I have examined this request, that all of the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entities that are receiving discounts pursuant to this application have complied with the terms, conditions and purposes of this program, that no kickbacks were paid to anyone and that false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under the Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.

- 34. It is acknowledge that FCC rules provide that persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program. I will institute reasonable measures to be informed, and will notify USAC should I be informed or become aware that I or any of the entities listed on this application, or any person associated in any way with my entity and/or entities listed on this application, is convicted of a criminal violation or held civilly liable for acts arising from their participation in the schools and libraries support mechanism.
- **35.** ☐ I certify that if any of the Funding Requests on this Form 471 are for discounts for products or services that contain both eligible and ineligible components, that I have allocated the cost of the contract to eligible and ineligible companies as required by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.504(g)(1),(2).
- **36.**  $\Gamma$  I certify that this funding request does not constitute a request for internal connections services, except basic maintenance services, in violation of the Commission requirement that eligible entities are not eligible for such support more than twice every five funding years beginning with Funding Year 2005 as required by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.506(c).
- 37. If I certify that the non-discounted portion of the costs for eligible services will not be paid by the service provider. The pre-discount costs of eligible services features on this Form 471 are net of any rebates or discounts offered by the service provider. I acknowledge that, for the purpose of this rule, the provision, by the provider of a supported service, of free services or products unrelated to the supported service or product constitutes a rebate of some or all of the cost of the supported services.
- **40.** Printed name of authorized person
- 41. Title or position of authorized person
- **42a.** Street Address, P.O Box or Route Number
- **42b.** Telephone number of authorized person: () -
- **42c.** Fax number of authorized person: () -
- 42d. E-mail of authorized person:
- 42e. Name of authorized person's employer

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## Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools & Libraries Division

#### FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER (Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006)

June 27, 2005

A.J. Price ALEXANDER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 375 Lee Street Alexander City, AL 35010

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 440884 Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006 Billed Entity Number: 127905 Billed Entity FCC RN: 11662871

Applicant's Form Identifier: ACBOEBS-Y8

Thank you for your Funding Year 2005 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. Here is the current status of the funding request(s) featured in the Funding Commitment Report at the end of this letter.

- The amount, \$5,567.10 is "Approved."

Please refer to the Funding Commitment Report on the page following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations.

The Important Reminders and Deadlines immediately preceding this letter are provided to assist you throughout the application process.

#### NEXT STEPS

- Work with your service provider to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full
- Review technology planning approval requirements Review CIPA Requirements
- File Form 486
- Invoice the SLD using the Form 474 (service provider) or Form 472 (Billed Entity) as products and services are being delivered and billed

#### FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Commitment Report for the Form 471 application cited above. The enclosed report includes a list of the Funding Request Number(s) (FRNs) from your application. The SLD is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can be made to begin implementing your E-rate discount(s) after you file your Form 486. Immediately preceding the Funding Commitment Report, you will find a guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report.

## TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter, your appeal must be received by the SLD or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

- 1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) e-mail address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
- 2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the letter and the decision you are appealing:
  - Appellant name, Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,

- Applicant BEN and service provider SPIN,
- Form 471 Application Number as assigned by the SLD,
- "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2005," AND
- The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.

- 3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.
- 4. If you are the applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by the SLD's decision. If you are the service provider, ple provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by the SLD's decision. please
- 5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by e-mail, use the "Submit a Question" feature on our web site at www.sl.universalservice.org. Click "Continue," choose "Appeals" from the Topics Inquiry on the lower portion of your screen, and click "Go" to begin your appeal submission. The system will prompt you through the process. The SLD will automatically reply to incoming e-mails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by fax, fax your appeal to (973) 599-6542.

To submit your appeal to the SLD on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal Schools and Libraries Division Box 125 - Correspondence Unit 80 South Jefferson Road Whippany, NJ 07981

While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use either the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of our web site. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

#### NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with all such requirements. The SLD may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by the SLD, the applicant, or the service provider. The SLD, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to USAC and the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

Schools and Libraries Division Universal Service Administrative Company

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Contract Expiration Date: 09/15/2005
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 3
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$7,230.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$7,230.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 77%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$5,567.10 - FRN approved as submitted

FCDL Date: 06/27/2005 Wave Number: 001

SEP **26** 2005



Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools & Libraries Division

## Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2005-2006

September 08, 2005

A. J. Price Alexander City Schools 375 Lee Street Alexander City, AL 35010

Re: Applicant Name: ALEXANDER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Billed Entity Number: 127905
Form 471 Application Number: 440884
Funding Request Number(s): 1219549
Your Correspondence Dated: July 06, 2005

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Funding Year 2005 Funding Commitment Decision Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s):

Decision on Appeal:

Explanation:

1219549

Denied

- On your appeal for Alexander City Schools, you stated a mistake was made when entering the length of service. A term of service for three months was inadvertently entered and you request to change the lengthh of service to twelve months.
- Upon review of the appeal letter and the relevant supporting documentation, it
  was determined you requested three months of service and PIA approved funding
  for three months. Although you stated a mistake was made, program rules do not
  allow for the increase of funding on FRNs unless it is done through the
  RAL(receipt acknowledgement letter) process. Our records show that a RAL
  modification was not received. Consequently, SLD supports the initial PIA
  decision.

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either the SLD or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or canceled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division Universal Service Administrative Company A. J. Price Alexander City Schools 375 Lee Street Alexander City, AL 35010

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